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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the election filed May 5, 2005.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-10 and 22-25 in the reply filed on May 5, 2005 is acknowledged.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because:

1. reference character "61" has been used to designate both **metal contact layer** and **drain regions** on page 2, line 5; and
2. reference character "12" has been used to designate both **P-type active area** and **body region** on pages 2-3, lines 29 and 18, respectively.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate

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prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because "**comprises**" should have been **includes** in lines 1, 3 and 5. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yilmaz et al. (5,614,751).

In regard to claim 22, Yilmaz et al. teach a semiconductor device set comprising at least one trench-typed MOSFET and a trench-typed termination structure; wherein the trench-typed MOSFET has a trench profile 64 and comprises a gate oxide layer 66 in the trench profile, and a polysilicon layer 68 on the gate oxide layer 66; wherein the

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trench-typed termination structure has a trench profile 40 and comprises an oxide layer 42 in the trench profile 40, a termination polysilicon layer 44 with discrete features separating the termination polysilicon layer 44, an isolation layer 30a covering the termination polysilicon layer 44 and filling the discrete features (Figure 2, columns 3-4, lines 29-67 and 1-27, respectively).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest the structure of the applicant's together with the other limitations of the independent claims, such as but not limited to a silicon substrate of a first conductive type, having a first epitaxial layer of the first conductive type and a second epitaxial layer of a second conductive type formed thereon; a DMOS trench, formed in the first epitaxial layer and the second epitaxial layer; a first trench, formed in the first epitaxial layer and the second epitaxial layer disposed close to an edge of the second epitaxial layer, the first trench to be utilized as a main portion of the termination structure having a bottom disposed in the first epitaxial layer; a second trench disposed between the DMOS trench and the first trench, the second trench having another bottom disposed in the second epitaxial layer adjacent to a region of the second conductive type.

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable.

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Claims 23-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to
trenched DMOS devices:

Andoh et al. (US 2004/0007723 A1)	Chang et al. (5,910,669)
Hamada (US 6,803,628 B1)	Henninger et al. (US 2003/0178676 A1)
Hshieh et al. (US 2003/00803351 A1)	Hueting (US 6,509,608 B1)
Miura et al. (US 2002/0195651 A1)	Mo et al. (US 2004/0145015 A1)
So et al. (5,895,951)	Williams et al. (6,049,108).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ida M. Soward whose telephone number is 571-272-1845. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 571-272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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